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REMARKS

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given

the present application. The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the

Office action, and amended as necessary to more clearly and particularly describe

the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In the Office action the Examiner indicated that claims 2-8 and 10-16 would

be allowable if rewritten in independent format. Accordingly, the features of claim 2

have been introduced into claim 1, and claim 2 has been cancelled. Similarly, the

features of claim 10 have bee introduced into claim 9, and claim 10 has been

cancelled. Therefore, it is submitted that claims 1, 3-9, and 11-16 are allowable.

Remaining claims 17-23 have already been allowed.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application

is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is

determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is

invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite

prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please

charge same to our Deposit Account No. 18-0160, our Order No. NIS-12651.

Respectfully submitted,

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